SENATE BILL 1815

By Ketron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 17, Chapter 3, relative to the annual meeting of the municipal judges conference.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 17-3-301(c), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(c) The conference shall meet annually for the consideration of any and all matters pertaining to the discharge of the official duties and obligations of its members, to the end that there shall be a more efficient and prompt administration of justice in the municipal courts in this state. The annual meeting shall provide educational seminars or training for the membership in addition to the business sessions.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 17-3-301(d)(2), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(2) Each member shall be compensated for the member's actual expenses in attending the annual meeting. The expenses shall be paid upon a verified statement of expenses being filed with the administrative office of the courts (AOC) by any member incurring such expenses. Expenses shall be paid by the AOC from funds received pursuant to § 16-18-304(a) for training and continuing education courses for municipal court judges. If the designated account fails to accrue sufficient funds to defray the expenses incurred, the member's municipality is responsible for payment of the expenses.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring

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